

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Roseville
Telephone Company (U 1015 C) to Review Its
New Regulatory Framework.

Application 99-03-025
(Filed March 8, 1999)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SHORTENING THE TIME FOR
RESPONSE AND CONVENING A LAW AND MOTION HEARING**

On May 4, 2004, the Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) filed a Motion to Compel Production of Financial Auditor Letters from SureWest Telephone¹ (SureWest). Concurrently, ORA filed a motion to shorten the time for response to 3 days, rather than the 15 days allowed pursuant to Rule 45(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. ORA states that it and its consultants will be conducting an on-site audit at SureWest next week, May 10-14, 2004, and seek access to the documents at issue at that time.

ORA further states that it had initially requested the documents in an April 9, 2004 Data Request, and that they have been the subject of active communications since the parties' April 15, 2004 conference call. ORA asserts that the parties had a Meet and Confer on April 28, 2004, at which time it clearly indicated to SureWest that it remained desirous of obtaining the requested documents despite SureWest's objections. ORA contends that its request and the

¹ Formerly known as Roseville Telephone Company.

shortened time should come as no surprise to SureWest, and is necessary given the proceeding's tight schedule.

Given the fixed schedule of this proceeding, and the indication that the parties have been having ongoing discussions on this issue, good cause is shown. This memorializes the brief ruling electronically transmitted to the parties on May 4, 2004.

Accordingly, **IT IS RULED** that:

1. SureWest Telephone shall file its response to the Office of Ratepayer Advocate's Motion to Compel no later than 4 p.m. today, May 6, 2004.
2. The undersigned Administrative Law Judge shall convene a Law and Motion hearing on this matter on Friday, May 7, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. in Commission Courtroom B, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California.
3. In the interest of time, the disputed issue will be resolved at the hearing, and memorialized for the record next week by an Assigned Commissioner's Ruling confirming the determination.

Dated May 6, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JACQUELINE A. REED

Jacqueline A. Reed
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail to the parties to which an electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Shortening the Time for Response and Reconvening a Law and Motion Hearing on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated May 6, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ELIZABETH LEWIS
Elizabeth Lewis

N O T I C E

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